

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-10 and 12-19 are pending in the application. Claim 11 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims are amended in order to more clearly define the invention, support for which is found in the figures and related parts of the specification. Specifically, support for claim 1 to specify a plurality of managed content locators is found at page 9, lines 14-22 of the specification as originally filed. Support for claim 1 to specify a plurality of managed content publishers is found at lines 14-22, page 9 of the specification as originally filed. Support for claim 1 to specify a content locator including downloadable features is found at page 9, lines 18-20. Support for claim 1 to specify receiving configuration updates through a component manager is found at page 10, lines 15-20. Support for claim 1 to specify content locator configuration information in a central configuration database and/or directory service is found at page 10, lines 13-15. Support for claim 1 to specify that the configuration information enables a content subscriber to access an appropriate content publisher is found in the Summary of the Invention, lines 9-10. Support for claim 1 to specify that the appropriate content publisher includes downloadable features is found at page 9, lines 18-20. Support for claim 1 to specify that the content publisher receives configuration updates through a component manager is found at page 10, lines 15-20. Support for claim 1 to specify content publisher configuration information in a central configuration database and/or directory service is found at page 10, lines 13-15. Support for claim 1 to specify that the content publisher dynamically activates the requested content by locating and coordinating is found at page 15, lines 1-9. Support for claim 1 to specify that the appropriate content publisher can create or change content is found at page 15, lines 5-9.

Support for claim 13 to specify content publisher attributes for use by component managers is found in Figures 3a and 3b.

Support for claim 14 to specify a plurality of managed content locators is found at page 9, lines 14-22 of the specification as originally filed. Support for claim 14 to specify a plurality of managed content publishers is found at lines 14-22, page 9 of the specification as originally filed. Support for claim 14 to specify that the content locator enables a content subscriber to access an appropriate content publisher is found in the summary of the Invention, lines 9-10. Support for claim 14 to specify that the content locator includes downloadable features is found at page 9, lines 18-20. Support for claim 14 to specify that the content locator receives configuration updates through a component manager is found at page 10, lines 15-20. Support for claim 14 to specify that the configuration information is in a central configuration database and/or directory service is found at page 10, lines 13-15. Support for claim 14 to specify that the appropriate content publisher includes downloadable features is found at page 9, lines 18-20. Support for claim 14 to specify that the content publisher receives configuration updates through a component manager is found at page 10, lines 15-20. Support for claim 14 to specify that the content publisher configuration information is in a central configuration database and/or directory service is found at page 10, lines 13-15. Support for claim 14 to specify activating the content file by locating and coordinating is found at page 15, lines 1-9. Support for claim 14 to specify presenting the required one or more content publishing resources is found in claim 1 as originally filed. Support for claim 14 to specify that the appropriate content publisher can create or change content is found at page 15, lines 5-9.

At page 2 of the Action, the Examiner objects to the title. The title is completely rewritten. The amended title is twenty or fewer words as indicated by the Examiner at page 2 of the Action.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Norris (i.e., U.S. Pat. NO. 6,718,328). With regard to the claims as amended, this rejection is untenable.

The presently claimed invention is not disclosed or suggested by the Norris reference because the Norris reference does not describe or teach the method by which access to content is managed in a distributed computing environment. Also, the presently claimed invention is not disclosed or suggested by the Norris reference because the Norris reference does not describe or teach dynamically updating the configuration information of content locators where the configuration information including where content is located and how content is to be accessed and used including the sequencing of access to such content is updated by content publishers that use multiple component managers to update information associated with content.

Considering when it was filed, the Norris reference is focused on web based content. Norris describes accessing a URL. According to Norris, it may be a protected URL, but Norris is completely silent as to coordinating execution or using two different pieces of programmatic content. The claimed invention is directed to more sophisticated solutions that address more sophisticated problems (e.g., see page 3, lines 4-11 of the instant application).

With regard to dependent claims 2, 6, 17, and 18, each of these dependent claims add specific limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the Norris reference. Thus, these dependent claims are each considered to be separately patentable.

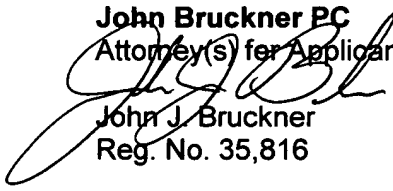
Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or combination thereof in the Office Action. In view of the above, all the claims are considered patentable and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned (at direct line 512-394-0118) for prompt action in the event any issues remain that prevent the allowance of any pending claims.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) pertaining to patent application processing fees, Applicant requests an extension of time from March 16, 2005 to June 16, 2005 in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005. A notification of extension of time is filed herewith.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3204 of John Bruckner PC.

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